

### REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed June 2, 2005. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-16 were pending in this Application. Claims 1-11 and 13-16 were rejected, and Claim 12 was objected to. Claims 1, 6-7 and 13 have been amended to further define various features of Applicants' invention. Claims 2 and 12 have been cancelled. Claims 17-22 have been added. Claims 1, 3-11 and 13-22 are now pending in the current application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

#### **Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112**

Claim 13 was rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite and failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants have amended Claim 13 to overcome this rejection and respectfully request full allowance of Claim 13 as amended.

#### **Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 1, 3-11 and 13-16 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,674,688 issued to Hiroshi Kanesaka ("Kanesaka"). Applicants respectfully submit the cited art does not teach all of the elements of the claimed embodiment of the invention as amended.

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1997). Furthermore, "the identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim." *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co. Ltd.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989). Applicants respectfully submit that the cited art as anticipatory by the Examiner cannot anticipate the rejected Claims, because the cited art does not show all the elements of the Claims as amended.

Amended Claim 1 incorporates the elements of allowable Claim 12, intervening Claim 2, and base Claim 1. Claim 1 now contains the limitation that "the wall section

elastically deforms under pressure,” which is not taught anywhere in the prior art. The elements of intervening Claim 7 are not believed to be necessary to distinguish the invention over the cited references. Applicants submit amended Claim 1 is in condition for allowance and request favorable action.

Claims 3-11 and 13-16 are believed to be patentable as they depend from an allowable base claim and also because they contain independently patentable features. Applicants respectfully request full allowance of Claims 1, 3-11 and 13-16.

#### **New Claims**

Claims 17-22 have been added and are believed to be patentable over the prior art. Claim 17 includes the reservoir having a depth of about half the guide length. The prior art does not teach this element. There is no suggestion or motivation in any of the cited references to modify the prior art to produce the claimed invention, because any groove shown in the prior art is used to hold a spring and not to minimize leakage. Applicants submit Claim 17 is in condition for allowance and request favorable action.

Claims 18-22 are believed to be patentable as they depend from an allowable base claim and also because they contain independently patentable features. Applicants respectfully request full allowance of Claims 17-22.

#### **Change of Correspondence Address**

Applicants respectfully request that all papers pertaining to the above-captioned patent application be directed to Customer No. 31625 and all telephone calls should be directed to Andreas Grubert at 512.322.2545.

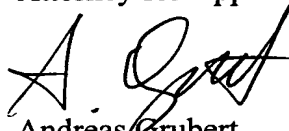
### CONCLUSION

Applicants have now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims as amended.

Applicants believe there are no fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2545.

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